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Xinergy Corporation Receives Award for Mine Reclamation from Department for Natural Resources *Annual Commissioner's award recognizes outstanding reclamation efforts*

FRANKFORT, Ky. – (Jan. 10, 2013) – Steve Hohmann, commissioner of the Department for Natural Resources, presented a 2012 Commissioner's Award of Excellence in Reclamation to Xinergy Corporation for outstanding reclamation work on permit no. 807-0362 located in Bell County near the community of Stoney Fork.

The company successfully established a beneficial post mining land use of "fish and wildlife habitat" that should prove to be very useful to wildlife and the local community for many years. The company's reclamation activity on this 273-acre surface mining operation closely followed a detailed set of mining and reclamation plans that were specifically developed for the site. The company has entered into a venture with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to create a quail management area on the permit. It should also be noted that this area was chosen as part of the state's elk re-introduction effort and elk can now be observed grazing throughout the permit. Deer and turkey also make extensive use of the site.

The site was nominated by Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement (DMRE) Middlesboro Regional Office inspection personnel and selected because of the company's outstanding reclamation work and its continued commitment to a healthy environment. "As a result of your hard work, this site is an outstanding example of the exceptional reclamation that can be achieved by today's mining industry," said Commissioner Hohmann.

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